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WESTERN CAPE Scouts Cubs and Rovers SCAR

Cover: Scouts on the Moon
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Cubs

Edward Shield was held Sat 30 October at 1st Durbanville grounds with the theme 'Proudly SA'. 22 Packs turned out for a super day of challenges. In the end 2nd Plumstead took the coveted trophy home - well done! Thanks to Christine De Wit and her team for all the organising of this great event.



"Ask your mother how much longer she's gonna be - and get a specific date!"



"... And get back here in an hour - a MOTHER hour, not a KID hour!"



The [SA Naval Museum](http://www.navy.mil.za) in Simon's Town would love to have Cub and Scout groups visiting. This is an ideal program for a day tour. The curator is Andre Wessels Tel 021-787-4686 email navpro@telkomsa.net or visit the SA Navy site on www.navy.mil.za



'Cub Howlers' from competitions collected by Olive La Cock. In all fairness, these came from Cubs in tests new to them and they gave it their best!

Q: What is the safest way to stop your teeth decaying?

A: Don't eat.

Q: How did Mowgli send a message for help when the Bandarlog took him to the cold lairs?

A: He wrote it on a leaf and sent it up the string to his kite.

Q: Where was Mowgli when Shere Khan stuck his head into the cave of Raksha and her family?

A: Gone to the shop to get tobacco. (At least he knew Tabaqui figured somewhere!)

Q: How can you help a person who has stopped breathing?

A: You push up his neck, close his nose and tell him to blow through his mouth.

Q: Where does the Sun rise?

A: On my Oupa's farm. (Surely more visually exciting than "in the East?")

Q: What can you use a Clove Hitch for?

A: Makes food taste nicer.

Q: What was Mother Wolf's name?

A: Russia.

Q: What does "Safety First" mean?

A: If there's a flood never mind the others, get yourself to safety first.



Scouts



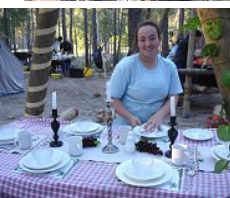
Mossel Bay Troop has made friends with **Rotherham District Venture Scouts UK** who have decided to visit Mossel Bay in April 2011 for 3 weeks, with 24 people (18 Scouts and 6 adult leaders). Together they will build an ablution block and Jungle Gym at a Nursery School, for which money is being collected in England by the Scouts there and here by us as well. They have enlisted Bear Grylls to assist them with this venture. This is also an inter-Troop friendship expedition and they will be doing Scout meetings, Camps, Hikes and lots more together. The BBC have also become interested in the expedition and will give it TV airtime and send a cameraman/crew over. On Sunday 30th May, UK Chief Scout Bear Grylls visited South Yorkshire Scouts at Hesley Wood Activity Centre by helicopter to take part in their activity packed fun day. Bear visited Rotherham Explorer Scouts who were taking part in a training camp for a forthcoming expedition to South Africa. As part of the training they were cooking food on a number of traditional open fires, to which Bear gave participants tips on cooking by fire and shared his experience of South African culture and local knowledge. The picture shows a presentation to him of the scarf designed especially for the trip. See <http://www.syscouts.org.uk/> Pat Farnham



Kanonkop night hike Buzz Macey Trophy (previously the Mini Rayner) ran through Friday night 18 June 5.30pm to Sat 19 June 8am. There were 8 bases (from cooking, First Aid, puzzles, signalling, compass, pioneer to rope and Patrol challenges) on route, starting in Bellville and ending in Durbanville. 7 Patrols from Durbanville, DK, Northpine, Bothasig and Kenridge took up the challenge, with Durbanville finally taking the trophy back from Bothasig after a 5 year victory, with DK and Bothasig 2nd and 3rd. Thanks to Ingrid Webster for a great night out on the town! (The pictures may be small, but are simply here for an idea of the fun that went down that night)



Cooks Badge 12-13 June at 2nd Rondebosch and 3-4 July at Hawequas, saw 29 Scouts preparing, cooking, eating, cleaning constantly for willing judges, producing great meals in traditional 3 course outdoor style. Thanks to Nimmy & Netashia Abrahams for all the great organising.



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As a good turn to **Hawequas Scout Ranch**, Dominique of 1st Naruna/Constantia carried out a permanent Springbok Construction Project, by replacing one of the old **Dasbos River bridges**. Here is the construction crew Brandon, Dominique, Malcolm, Taufeeq, Jarryd and Josh on the new bridge completed Sun 13 June - thanks guys!



Sat 10 July Robin Aprosiek (ATS 2nd Plumstead Sea Scouts) walked past a 51 year old man being carried out of Builders Warehouse Constantia, going about his own business, when suddenly Scout Training instinctively took over. The man had had a heart attack and showed no life signs when Robin started CPR with assistance, for a wrecking 10 min before a doctor and ex paramedic took over. He then left in quite a gloomy mood thinking that they had lost him. On return to the store next morning, he was elated to find out that Netcare 911 had successfully defibrillated him much later. In a news article later, the Netcare Paramedic stated; "The fact that they (names unknown) acted so fast and administered highly effective CPR before we arrived on the scene was without a doubt, the only reason we were able to get this patient back." Well done! Robin stated; "Thanks to Scouting - this tops my career!"



Welcome (l-r) **Nimmy Abrahams** as APC Adult Leader Training (replacing Albert Ntunja) and **Brendan Dale** as new APC Scout Program from 1 Sept.



Rovering

Our new **Provincial Rover Committee** elected 24 July are; Elizabeth Britz (Chairperson) lizzyb27@gmail.com with Vice Chairpersons Mario Penso, Anzio Abels and Jasan Tyler as Communications Officer.



Gordon Shield Sat 17 to Sun 18 July was held at the Chrysalis Academy in Tokai. The winners were 2nd Fish Hoek (8th time in a row) with 2nd Somerset West and 2nd Rondebosch taking 2nd and 3rd position of 31 teams - well done..



Mt Elbrus in Russia standing a chilling 5 642m above sea level was climbed for 10 days on the West side by Joshua Stehr 'Curly', reaching the top on Fri 23 July with friend Kai and group. Josh says his interest in Scouting assisted with all the rope work and team moral that was needed to get up and down the mountain. He thanks 3rd Pinelands for support they give him and Scouting in general for being such a great Youth Organization that helps build leaders and teens learn greater life skills.



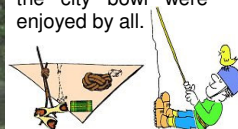
Over the weekend 24-25 July, DK (Durbanville/Kraaifontein) and Hermanus Scouts joined forces for a **hike in the Nuweberg Mountains** at Grabouw. The foto shows from l-r: Pete, John, Mitch, Amar, Josie, Jan. Behind the camera was Felix, Ben and Heleen. Ben Greyling reports that the 18km hike is ideal for beginners or young Scouts. They slept in Shamrock Hut where they met other hikers. See more pics at <http://www.hermanus-scouts.co.za/articles10.htm>



Provincial **Orienteering** Competition at the V&A Waterfront on Sun 29 Aug, saw 1st Blaauwberg win Juniors, 1st Bothasig Seniors and 1st Monte Vista take the Adult Scouter Section. Thanks to Devon Bowen for a great event.



The 2010 **Wood Badge Reunion** was held at 1st Pinelands Scout Hall on 5 Sep, from where outings to the Higgovale Quarry for abseiling, diamond cutting and photography clues in the city bowl were enjoyed by all.



The Annual **Quinn Trophy** was held on the hottest day at Hawequas on Sun 17 October with 13 teams taking up the challenge. This is a fun competition for whole Groups and families with free camping, due to it also being the Hawequas Open Weekend. Well done 1st Durbanville winning the Cape Times Cross Country event and 3rd Pinelands taking the Quinn (2nd time round), with 1st Bothasig and 2nd Fish Hoek filling 2nd and 3rd place. Thanks Constantiaberg Rover Crew and Ubayd for all the great organising of this fun event.



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Colonel Bill Hall receives the Bronze Wolf Award 2007

The Robert Hall Foundation

The Robert Hall Foundation, was started in the 1950's by Colonel Henry Robert Hall, better known as Colonel Bill Hall, with £100 personal savings. With the passing of time and as Bill prospered, he has been building on this amount and it too has prospered and grown. Bill says that this is his way of saying thank you for what Scouting has done for him. The Foundation has provided aid to many over the years, including here in South Africa at the Sea Scout Base and **Hawequas**, where today we have the **Robert Hall Foundation Campsite** in honour of this aid. Bill was born on 25th May 1917, entered Dulwich College in the South of London in September 1930 and was invested as a Scout in one of the School Troops the same month. Bill became PL of Curlew Patrol in 1932 and attended a camp at the Crystal Palace Park nearby. He recalls crossing a Monkey Bridge they had built, when BP appeared, Bill almost took his right arm off to salute BP, to which BP responded with a shout; "Don't salute - hold on boy!" This year Bill will have 80 years service in Scouting and turned 93. As a non member of the Dulwich staff, he started a third Scout Group, 3rd Dulwich College, at the College in 1936, which he continued to lead with the help of other old Scouts (known as Old Alleynians or former pupils of Dulwich College), with a membership usually around 100 Scouts, for 40 years until 1976.

In 1939 the Army had requisitioned the farm at the top of Grange Lane, in order to establish a Gun and Searchlight Battery to protect London during the Blitz. The views

over London were and are appropriately panoramic, even till today. In 1960 it was returned to the Estate with the gun emplacements still to clear and a host of temporary buildings in various states of dilapidation. Bill saw an opportunity here and through his doing, was offered new Troop head-quarters in the de-requisitioned gun-sight. Hall with a stroke of imaginative romanticism named the site 'The Fort' to commemorate its war-time use. The Scouts' enthusiasm was caught in repairing the old site and in 1962 The Fort was officially opened by Chief Scout Sir Charles MacLean, as the new headquarters and



Bill (centre) with UK Chief Scout Charles Maclean presenting Queen Scout Certificates at the opening in 1962

Centre, which he continues as a near full-time voluntary job to this day. In 2007 some 5 000 Scouts from about 22 different countries made use of its facilities, including one of our own Troops on the Jamboree, with easy access through the Woods to Sydenham Hill Station. Thus continues the enterprise begun by Bill Hall to continue in the form of a Scout Centre not only for Dulwich and South London, but also of international significance. Bill and his family moved from London to Jersey, one of the Channel Islands South from England in 1977, when he was a Chief Scouts Commissioner, and because the Island Commissioner was unwell at



Bill with Manager Andrew Purnell at the opening of the Robert Hall Foundation Campsite in 2007

the time, took on his job for the next 6 years. Bill has been married to Greta for over 50 years, they have two sons and a daughter, all happily married, who between them have 10 children. Bill's own children are all over 50, and the eldest is a BBC correspondent who filmed the 2007 England Jamboree, which included a history of BP.

In April 2007, members of the World Scout Foundation, to which Bill and the King of Sweden are members, visited Cape Town South Africa for a board meeting and to induct new BP Fellows. During that time they visited a Scout Community Fair in Guguletu and a Leadership training course at Hawequas, where they were treated to a traditional South African Braai. The King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf, unveiled a plaque at Hawequas where a new camp is being built from funds donated by the Robert Hall Foundation. These members were later to be seen at the 21st World Scout Jamboree in England as well.

Colonel Bill Hall has held many positions and done most jobs in Scouting over the years, from Boy Scout to Vice President of the UK Scout Association to Chairman of Friends of Scouting UK in support of Scout Groups nation-wide. Friends of Scouting UK was originally set up in 1998 to provide a network for all those previously involved in the Movement and for non-uniformed supporters of Scouting. It's a chance to provide support and receive regular updates on Scouting within the UK and across the world. Bill takes an active interest in Jersey Scouting and lives close to this Scout Centre on the west coast of Jersey Island. He says he still likes to put on his Scout uniform for the odd event, but likes to think of himself simply as - just a World Scout.

Written up with sincere thanks to Bill Hall himself, Gordon Carr (Warden SLSC) and Garnet de la Hunt (Vice-Chairman SASA) - For the full unedited version, email André Foot



The King of Sweden at Hawequas unveiling the campsite plaque

